

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The following remarks are responsive to the Official Action mailed June 15, 2006.

In the Official Action, the Examiner states that the submission of the Terminal Disclaimer previously filed has not been approved. Since claims 1-6, 8-9, 14, 15, 17 and 19 are provisionally rejected under the judiciary created document of obviousness-type double patent as being unpatentable over claims 1, 4-8, 10, 12, 15, 16, 19 and 20 of co-pending Application No. 10/642,528 Applicants submit a Terminal Disclaimer in response to this rejection and, since claims 1, 5-7, 9, 13-20 are provisionally rejected under the judiciary created document of obviousness-type double patent as being unpatentable over claims 1, 2, 5-7, 9 and 13-20 of co-pending Application No. 10/642,524, Applicants also submit a Terminal Disclaimer regarding this co-pending application.

In the Official Action, claims 9-11 and 13-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,893,889 to Harrington. And claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Harrington. In response to these rejections, Applicants hereby cancel claims 9-20 thereby rendering the rejection moot. The Applicants have cancelled their rejection in order to place the present application in condition for allowance. Applicants reserve the right to file claim 9-20 in a continuation application at a later date.


In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that he telephone Applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which he might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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